

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 METZNER and SCHNEIDER) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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 Serial No.: To be assigned) Examiner: Unassigned
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 Filed: Concurrently herewith)
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 For: THROMBIN PREPARATIONS AND)
 PROCESS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please make the following
amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 6-14, with the following:

Initially the thrombin solution was mixed with 0.6 mol/l sodium sulfate and
adsorbed onto a hydrophobic interaction chromatography (HIC) gel (in this case:
Phenyl-Sepharose HP, manufacturer: Amersham Pharmacia, Freiburg, Germany)
which had previously been equilibrated with buffer A (10 mmol/l Na phosphate pH 6.5)
sodium sulfate, the bound thrombin was eluted by a gradient with decreasing sodium